

330 A SUMMARY OF SUFFERINGS AND

The Computation of my Imprisonment.

I suffered Imprisonment in Mexico, two years [1568-1570]; in the Contratacion House In Seville, one year [1571]; in the Inquisition House, in Triana* one year [1572].

I was in the galleys, twelve years [1573-1585]; in the everlasting prison remediless, with the coat with St. Andrew's Cross, on my back, four years [1585-1589]-

And, at liberty, I served as a drudge, HERNANDO DE three years [1589-1590].

Which is the full complement of twenty-three years,*

Since my departure from England, until this time of my return; I was five times in great danger of death, besides the many perils I was in, in the galleys.

First, in the port of San Juan de Ulua; where I was on shore [*i.e., on the little island*] with many others of our company: which were all slain, saving I and two others, that by swimming got aboard the *J-esus* of Lubeck [see

P> 3*7]-

Secondly, when we were robbed by the wild Indians. Thirdly, after we came to Mexico, the Viceroy would

have hanged us. Fourthly, because he could not have his mind to hang us, he would have burnt us. Fifthly, the General that brought us into Spain, would have hanged us at sea.

Thus having truly set down unto you, my travels, misery and dangers endured the space of twenty-three years, I end.

* The exact time from the landing near Tampico, on 8th October, 1568, to HORTOP's landing at Portsmouth, on 2nd December, 1590, was a little over Twenty-two years.